

## NRAP Risk Assessment Tool Webinar Series

## Webinar 4

## Well Leakage Analysis Tool (WLAT): A Collection of Stand-alone Well Leakage Reduced Order Models

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# Webinar Outline

- I. NRAP overview**
- II. WLAT overview and background**
- III. Input needed**
- IV. Software walkthrough**
- V. Example use cases**
- VI. QA/QC and future developments**
- VII. Questions and Open Discussion**

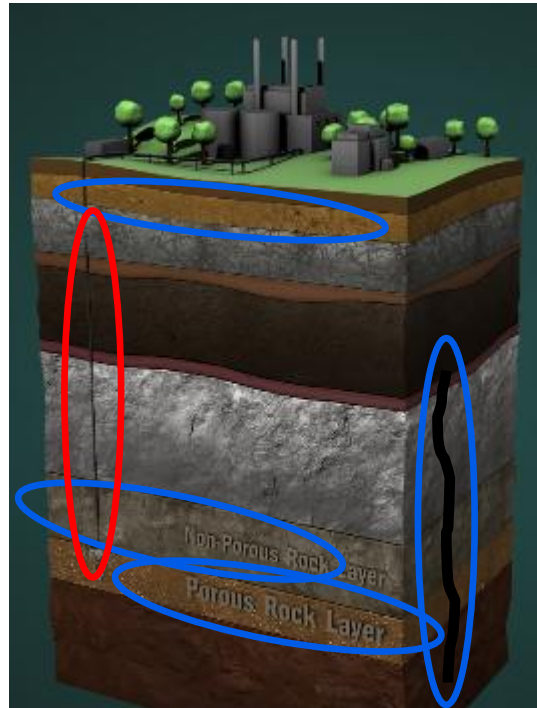
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# I. National Risk Assessment Partnership (NRAP)

NRAP leverages DOE's capabilities to help quantify uncertainties and risks necessary to remove barriers to full-scale CO<sub>2</sub> storage deployment.

**Objective:** *Building toolsets and improving the science base to address key questions about potential impacts related to release of CO<sub>2</sub> or brine from the storage reservoir, and potential ground-motion impacts due to injection of CO<sub>2</sub>*

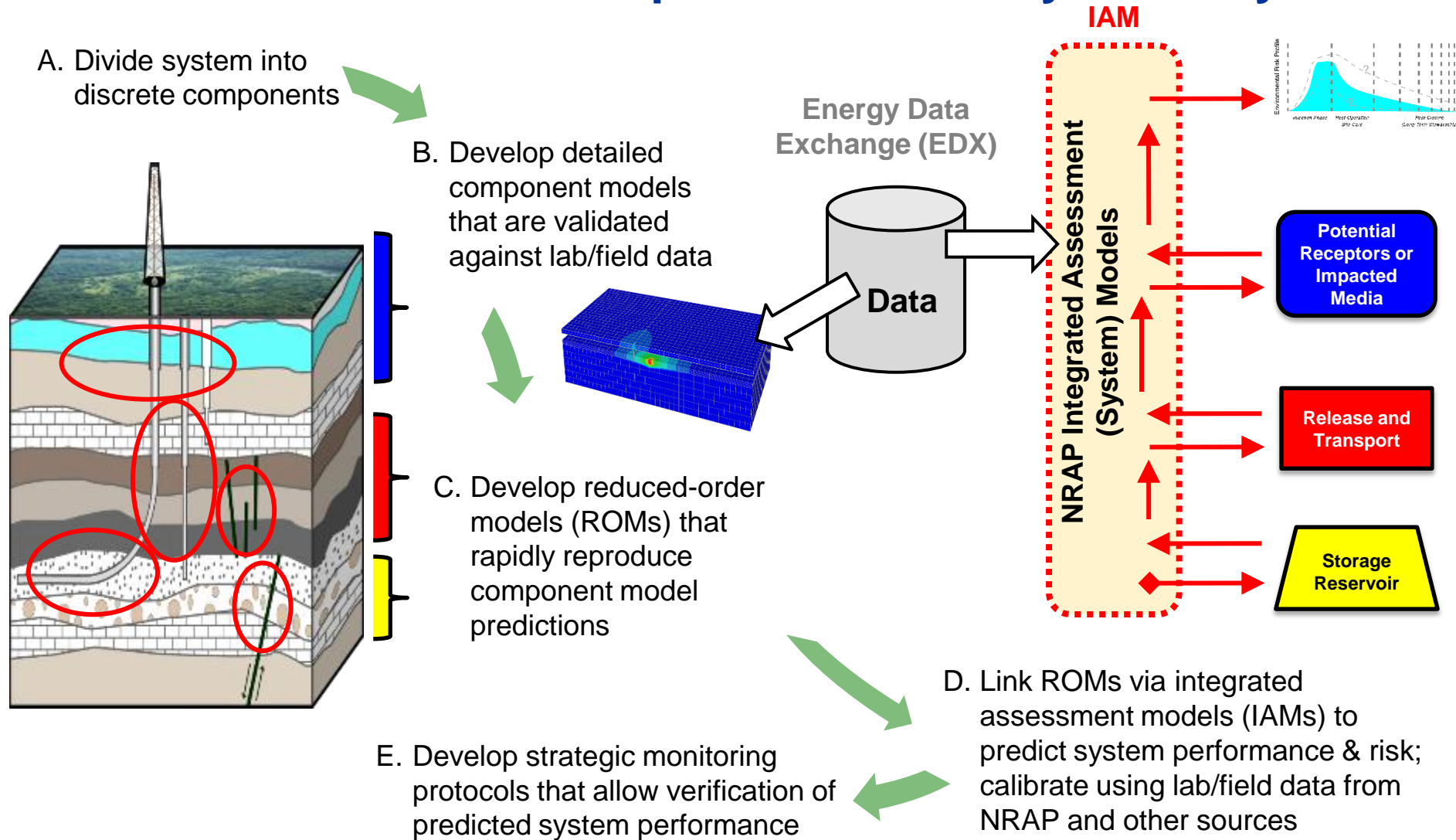
## Technical Team



## Stakeholder Group

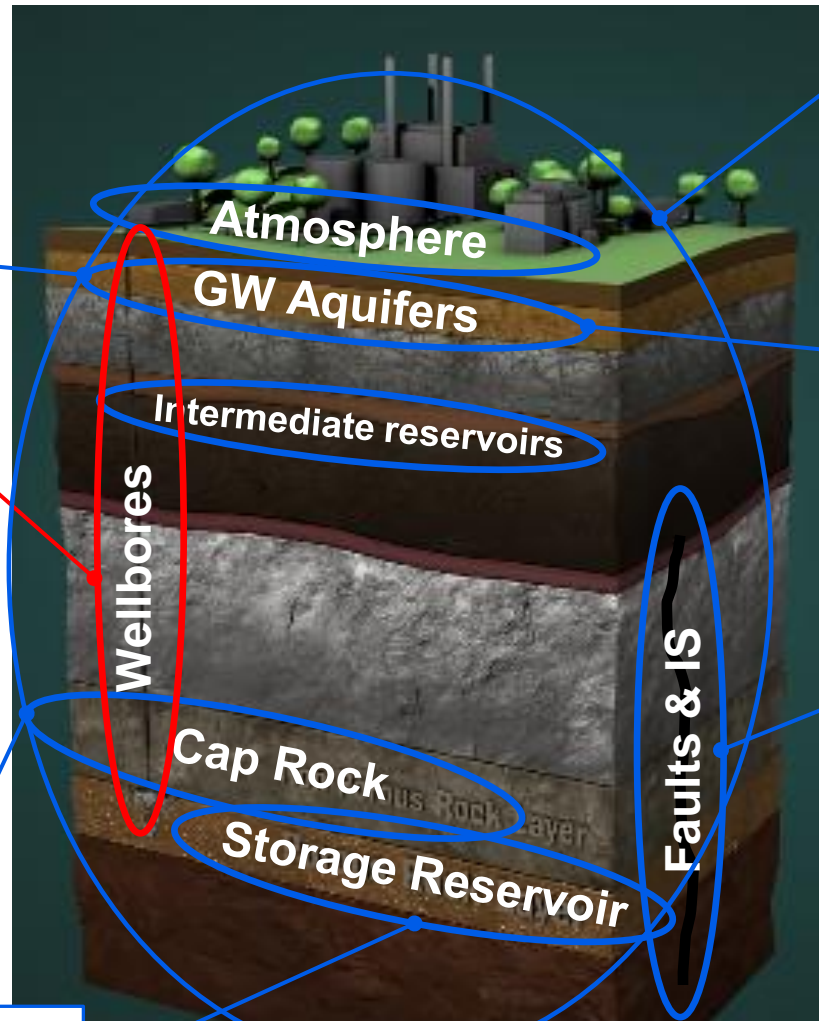


# NRAP's approach to quantifying performance relies on reduced-order models to probe uncertainty in the system



# NRAP Tools

Now available for beta testing



Design for Risk  
Evaluation and  
Monitoring

Wellbore Leakage  
Analysis Tool

Natural Seal  
ROM

Reservoir Evaluation  
and Visualization

NRAP-IAM-CS

Aquifer  
Impact Model

Short Term Seismic  
Forecasting

[www.edx.net/l.doe.gov/nrap](http://www.edx.net/l.doe.gov/nrap) → TOOL BETA TESTING link

# Schedule for NRAP Tool Webinar Series

Date/ Time	Tool	Presenter(s)
<b>October 13</b> <b>Time: 1pm ET</b>	Integrated Assessment Model–Carbon Storage (NRAP-IAM-CS) (2.5 hours)	Rajesh Pawar
<b>October 19</b> <b>Time: 1pm ET</b>	Natural Seal ROM (NSealR) (1 hour)	Ernest Lindner
<b>October 26</b> <b>Time: 1pm ET</b>	Reservoir Evaluation and Visualization (REV) Tool (1 hour)	Seth King
<b>November 2</b> <b>Time: 1pm ET</b>	Well Leakage Analysis Tool (WLAT) (1.5 hour)	Nicolas Huerta
<b>November 9</b> <b>Time: 1pm ET</b>	Aquifer Impact Model (AIM) (1 hour)	Diana Bacon
<b>November 16</b> <b>Time: 1pm ET</b>	Design for Risk Evaluation and Monitoring (DREAM) (1 hour)	Catherine Ruprecht
<b>November 30</b> <b>Time: 1pm ET</b>	Short Term Seismic Forecasting (STSF) (1 hour)	Josh White, Corinne Bachman
<b>December 7</b> <b>Time: 1pm ET</b>	TBD	

Check for updates at [www.edx.net/l.doe.gov/nrap](http://www.edx.net/l.doe.gov/nrap)

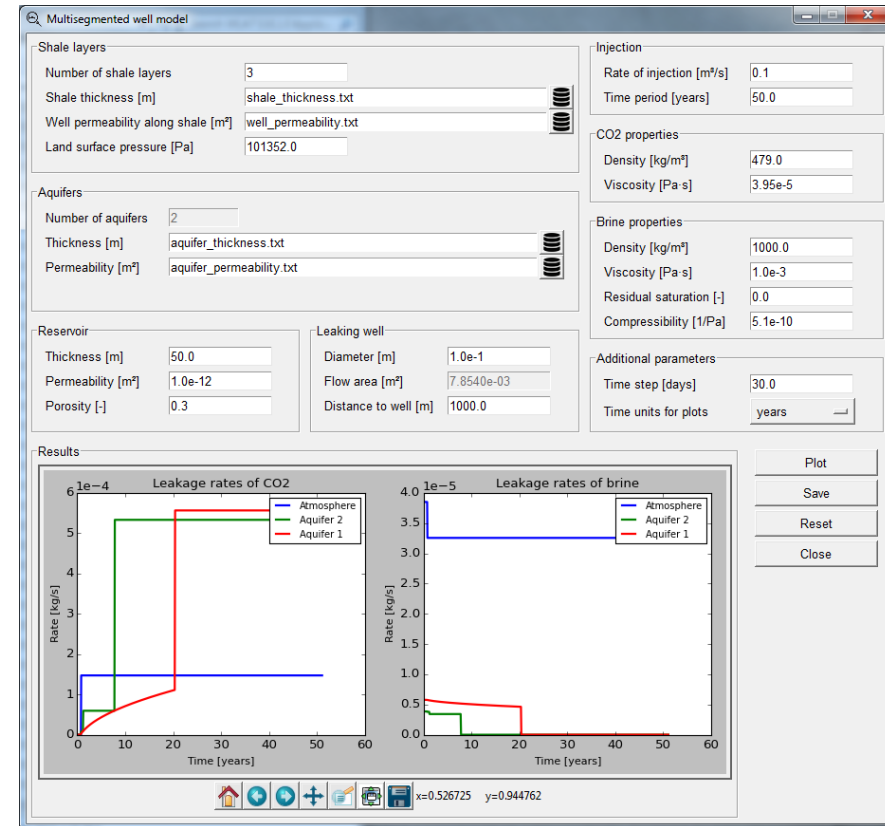


## II. WLAT Overview and Background

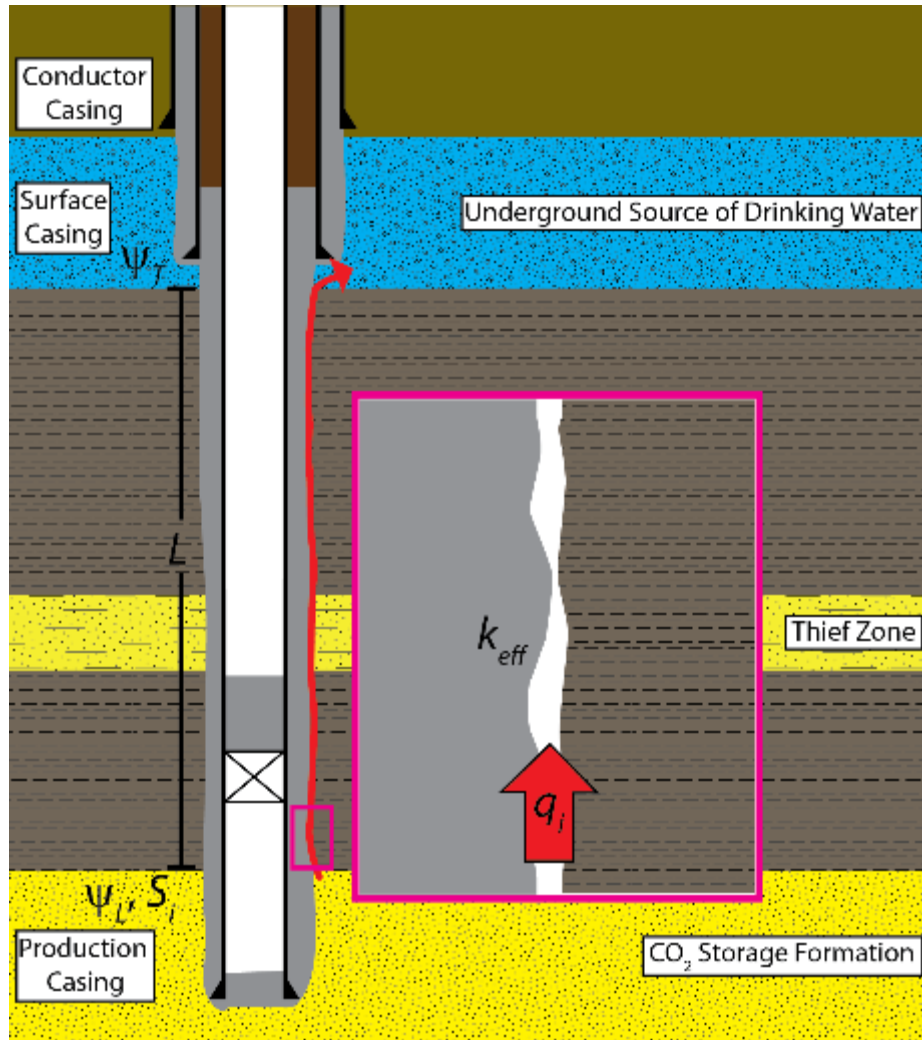
**The Well Leakage Analysis Tool (WLAT) is a collection of models that describe various types of potential well leakage.**

### What can it be used for?

- Understand how an individual well might leak over time
- Compare leakage models
- Test the behavior of the well leakage models in the NRAP-IAM-CS
- Provide a means to test how individual model parameters might affect leak rate
- GUI and Source Code versions available



## II. Component models in the WLAT



**Current version has four well leakage models:**

### 1. Cemented wellbore model

- Treats multiphase flow of CO<sub>2</sub> and brine up a cemented well
- Can deal with leakage to atmosphere, aquifer, and thief zone
- Currently incorporated into NRAP-IAM

### 2. Multisegmented wellbore model

- Uses model developed by Princeton University
- Treats multiphase flow of CO<sub>2</sub> and brine up a cemented well
- Can deal with leakage to atmosphere, aquifer, and thief zone(s)
- Can simulate simple injection and transport to leaky well

### 3. Open wellbore model

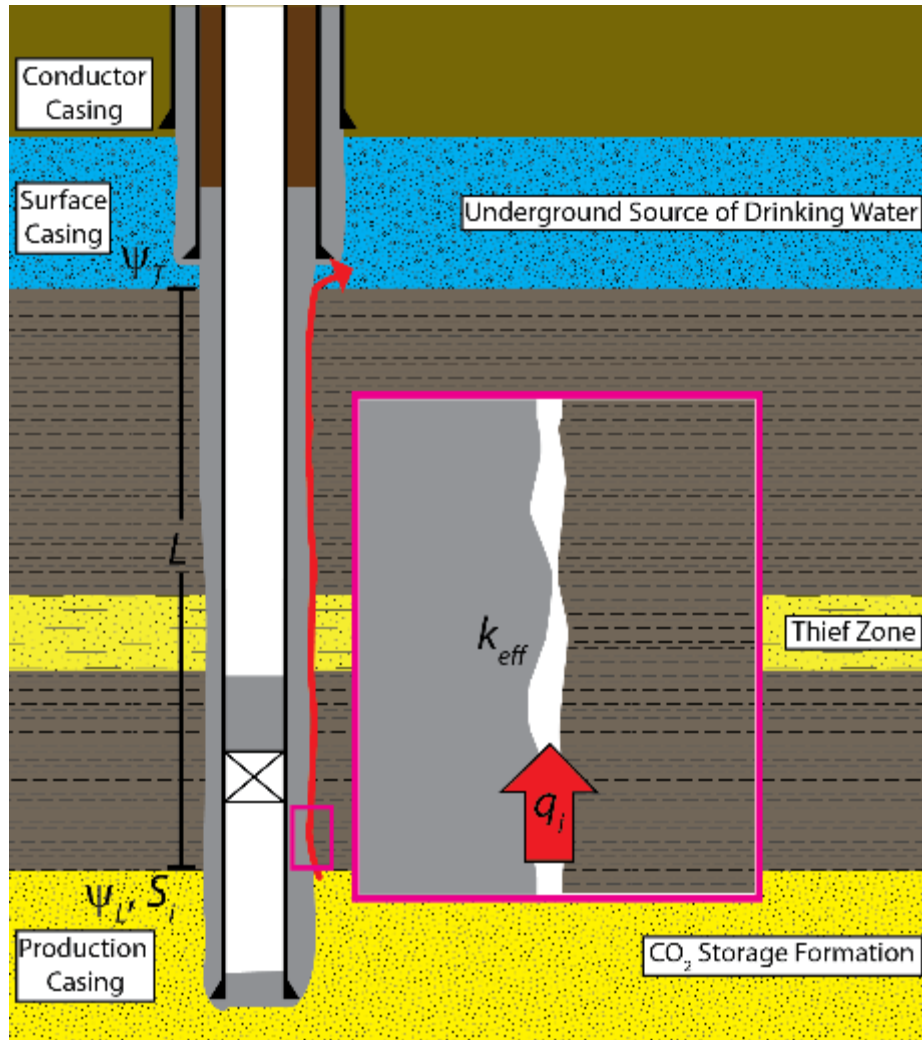
- Treats the flow of CO<sub>2</sub> up an open well
- Currently incorporated into NRAP-IAM

### 4. Brine leakage model

- Treats the leakage of CO<sub>2</sub> saturated brine with geochemical effects



### III. Input data



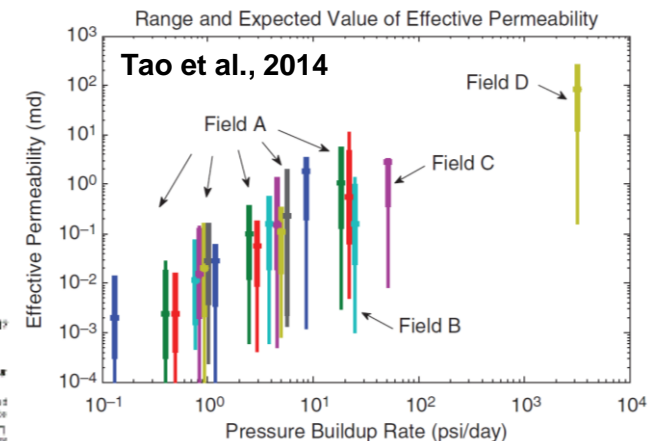
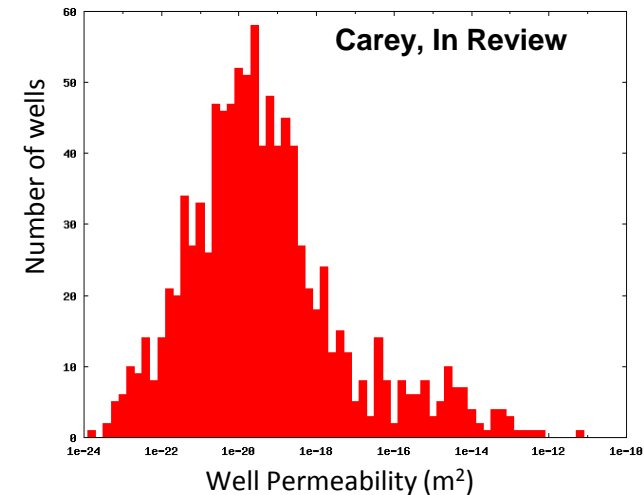
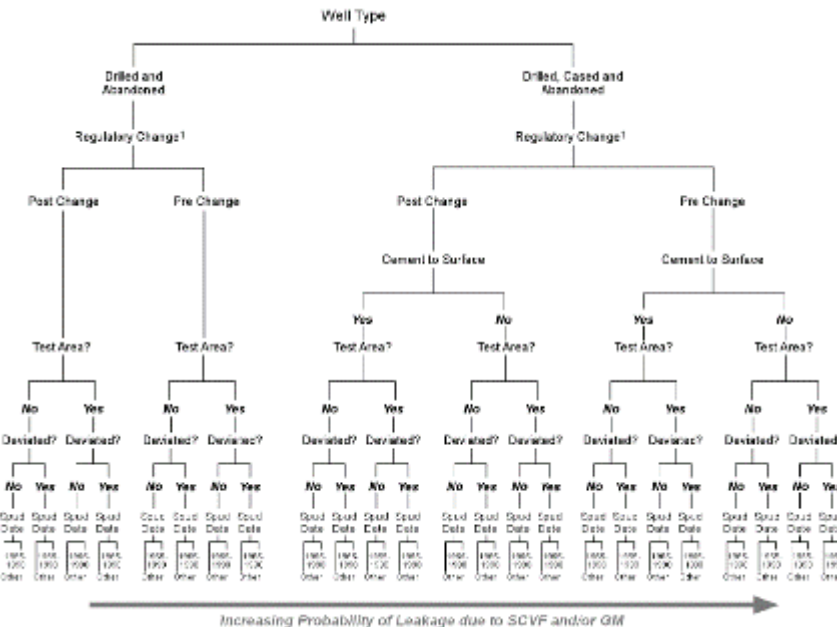
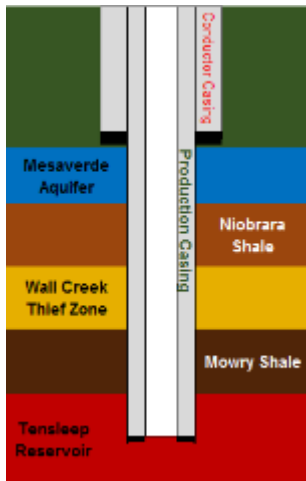
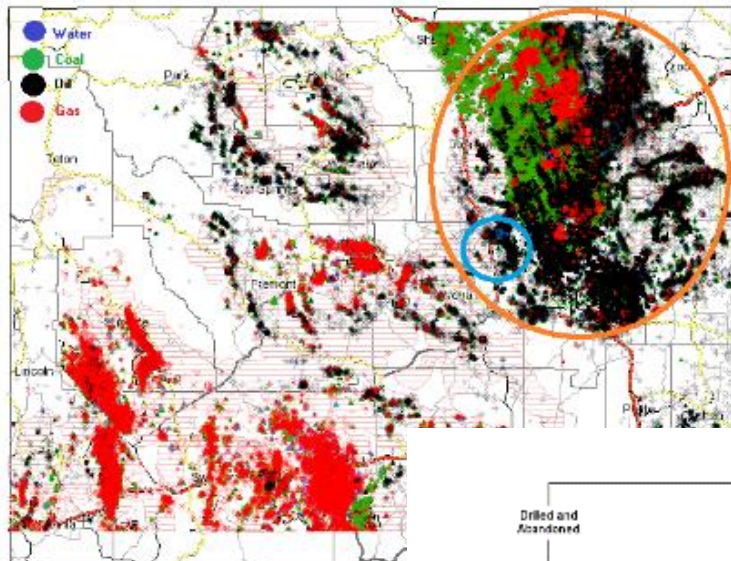
Each model has specific data input needs, but they generally all need:

- **Well geometry**
  - Casing data, cement length, annular areas, subsurface formation locations
- **Equivalent permeability**
- **Pressure and saturation at the leak source over time**
- **Timescale of interest**

Data can come from:

- **Regulatory or industry databases**
- **Published literature**
- **Numerical simulations**

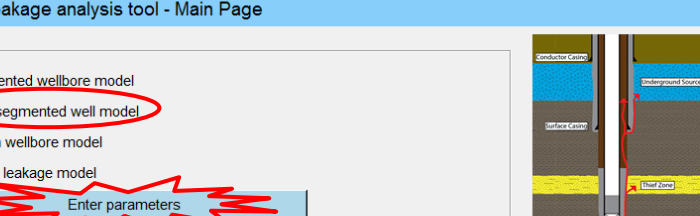
# III. Some input data examples



<http://wogcc.state.wy.us/>

Watson and Bachu, 2009

#### IV. Simple data run with Multisegmented well model



The image shows a screenshot of a web browser displaying the 'Well leakage analysis tool - Main Page'. The page has a light blue header with the title. Below the header, there is a 'Models' section with a list of radio buttons: 'Cemented wellbore model', 'Multisegmented wellbore model' (which is selected and circled in red), 'Open wellbore model', and 'Brine leakage model'. Below the list is a red starburst graphic with the text 'Enter parameters'. To the right of the models list is a cross-sectional diagram of a wellbore showing various layers: 'Conductor Casing', 'Surface Casing', 'Underground Source of Drinking Water' (in blue), 'Thief Zone' (in yellow), and 'OC Storage Formation' (in brown). The wellbore itself is shown as a vertical pipe with a 'Production Casing' at the bottom. The browser's address bar shows the URL 'https://edx.netl.doe.gov/nrap/'.

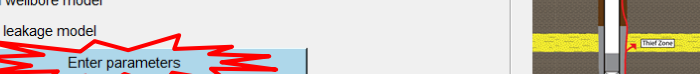
Models

- ☐ Cemented wellbore model
- ☒ Multisegmented wellbore model
- ☐ Open wellbore model
- ☐ Brine leakage model

Enter parameters

This standalone tool includes Reduced Order Models (ROMs) for the analysis of wellbore leakage. This tool and many of the ROMs were developed as part of the National Risk Assessment Partnership.

For more information see: <https://edx.netl.doe.gov/nrap/>

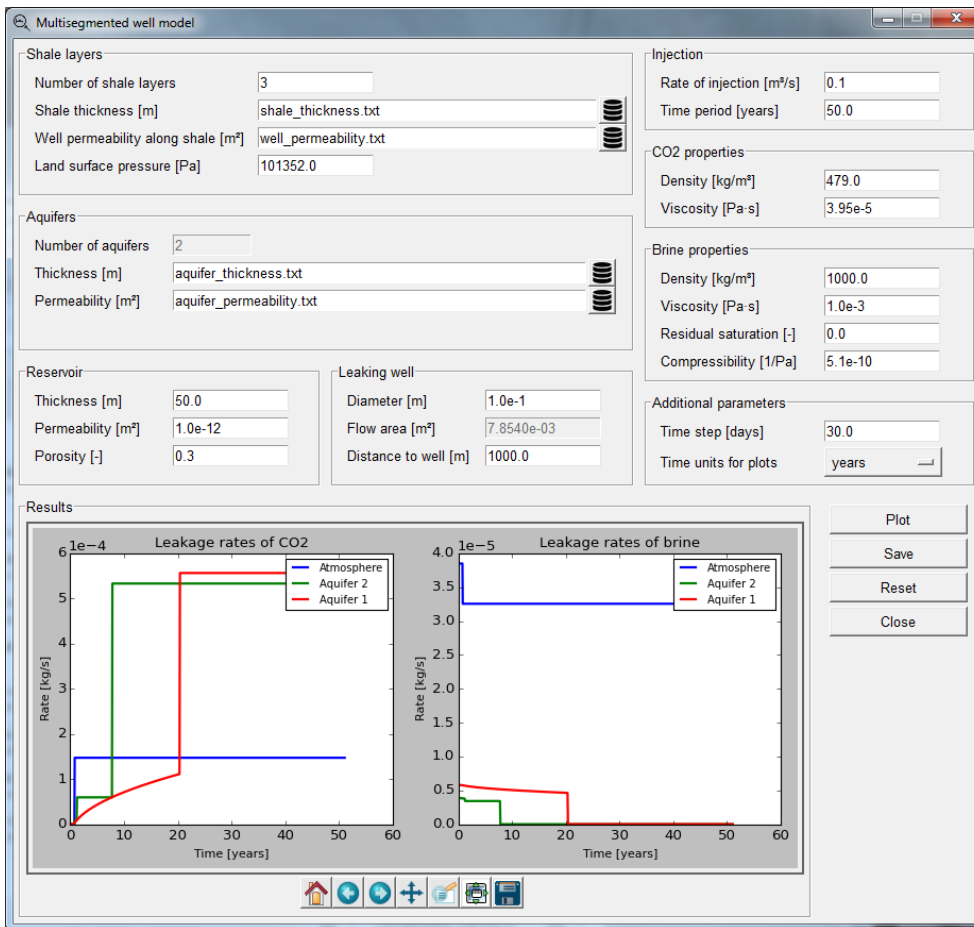


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# IV. Multisegmented well model - GUI



## Inputs

- Scalar values typed into GUI
- Array values loaded via \*.txt file

## Outputs

- Plotted up on GUI
- Can be manipulated
- Figure can be saved as image or pdf
- Pressure, Temperature, Saturation histories are saved with default names
- Data can be exported as a bulk \*.txt file

# IV. Multisegmented well model - Inputs

**Multisegmented well model**

**Shale layers**

Number of shale layers: 3

Shale thickness [m]: shale\_thickness.txt

Well permeability along shale [m<sup>2</sup>]: well\_permeability.txt

Land surface pressure [Pa]: 101352.0

**Aquifers**

Number of aquifers: 2

Thickness [m]: aquifer\_thickness.txt

Permeability [m<sup>2</sup>]: aquifer\_permeability.txt

**Reservoir**

Thickness [m]: 50.0

Permeability [m<sup>2</sup>]: 1.0e-12

Porosity [-]: 0.3

**Leaking well**

Diameter [m]: 1.0e-1

Flow area [m<sup>2</sup>]: 7.8540e-03

Distance to well [m]: 1000.0

**Injection**

Rate of injection [m<sup>3</sup>/s]: 0.1

Time period [years]: 50.0

**CO2 properties**

Density [kg/m<sup>3</sup>]: 479.0

Viscosity [Pa·s]: 3.95e-5

**Brine properties**

Density [kg/m<sup>3</sup>]: 1000.0

Viscosity [Pa·s]: 1.0e-3

Residual saturation [-]: 0.0

Compressibility [1/Pa]: 5.1e-10

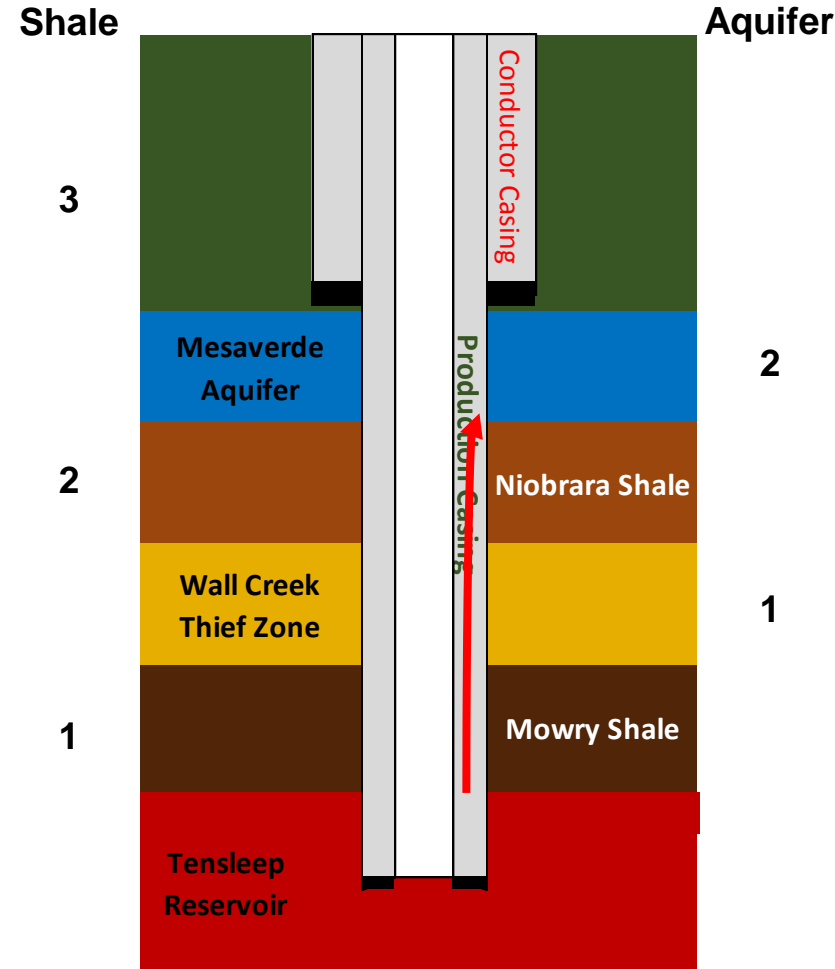
**Additional parameters**

Time step [days]: 30.0

Time units for plots: years

**Results**

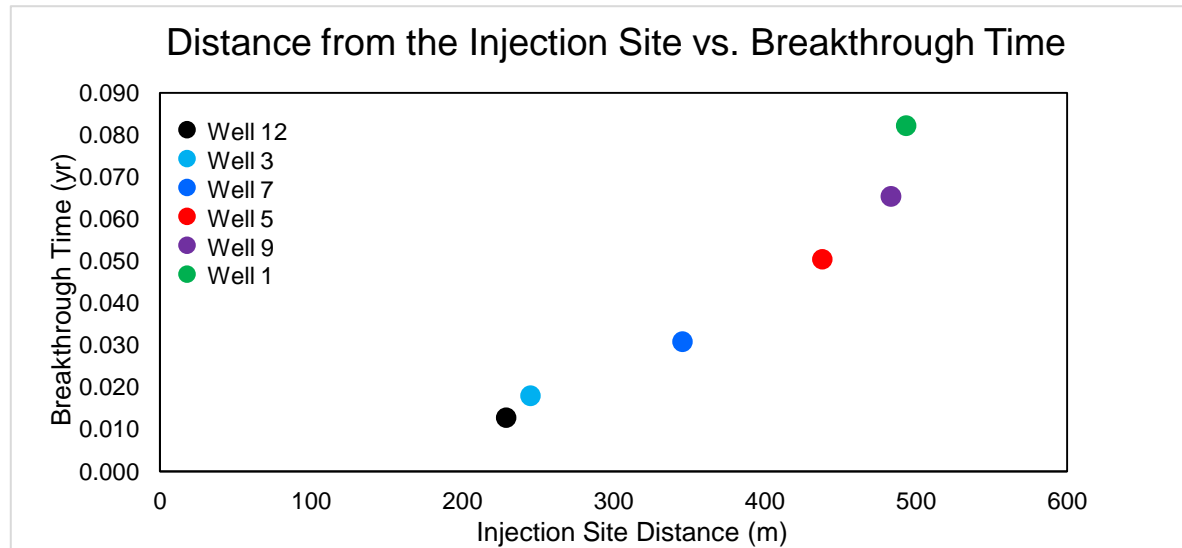
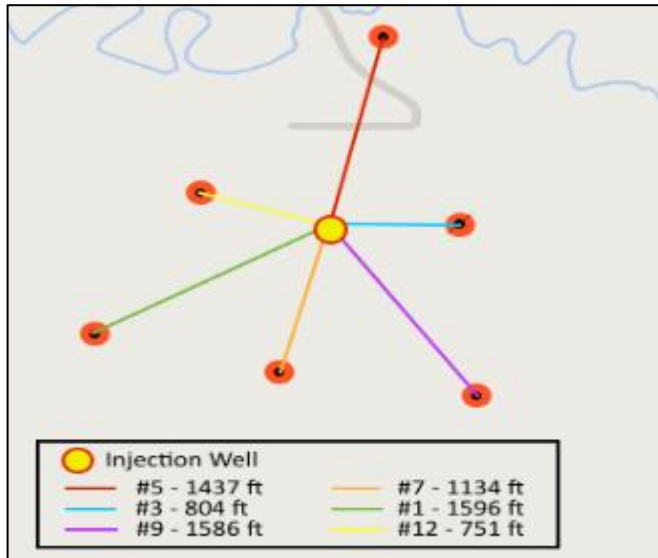
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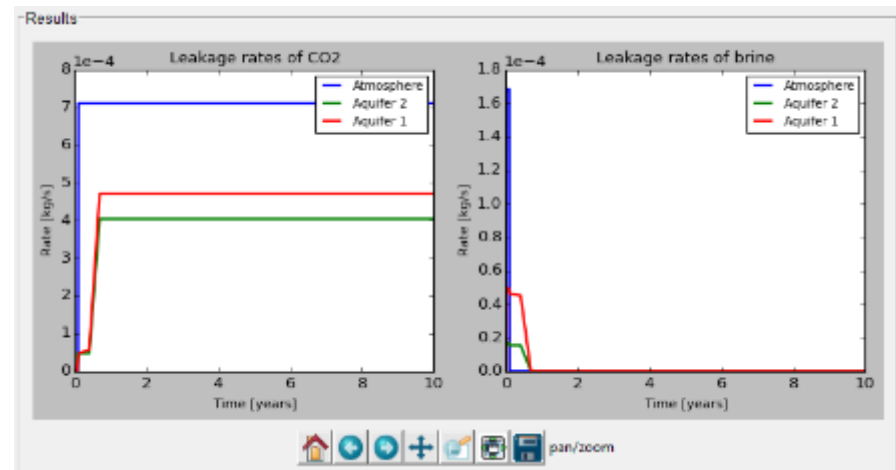
**\*Hypothetical scenario for demonstration purpose only**



# Ex. 1: Testing individual parameters



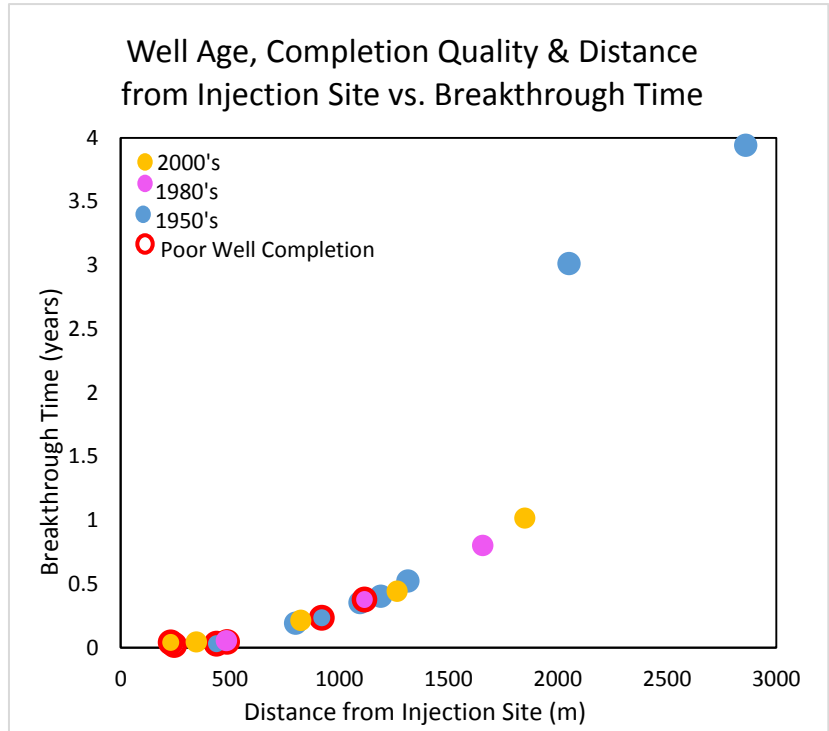
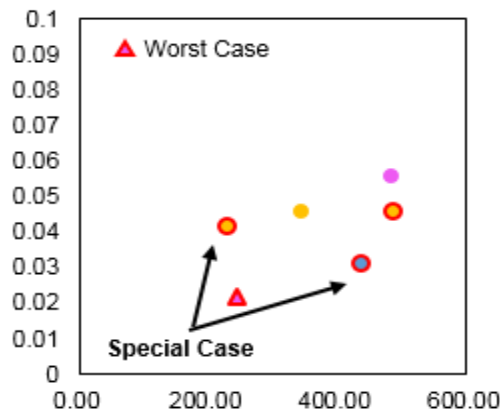
- Using multisegmented well model
- Looking at breakthrough time of CO<sub>2</sub> into Aquifer 1 (Wall Creek)
- Scales as we would expect
- Specifics of the well do have an effect on breakthrough time (annular area, lengths, etc.)





## Ex. 2: Adding in risk components

- Relationship between well age, completion type, and cement permeability
- Distance has the greatest impact on breakthrough time
- Well age trumps when similar distances
- Importance of permeability in **Well 5**

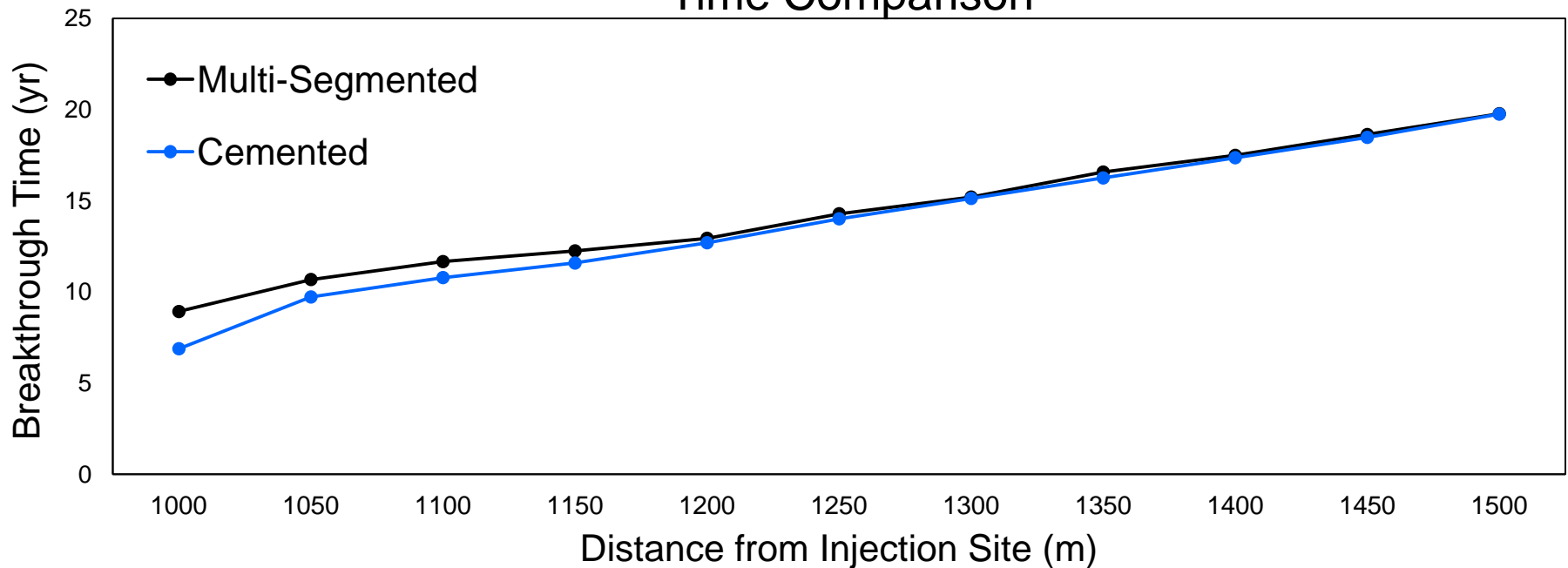


Permeability Values ( $m^2$ ):

	2000	1980	1950
Good Well Completion	$9.869 \times 10^{-17}$	$9.869 \times 10^{-14}$	$9.689 \times 10^{-13}$
Poor Well Completion	$9.689 \times 10^{-15}$	$4.935 \times 10^{-13}$	$4.935 \times 10^{-12}$

## Ex. 4: Model comparison

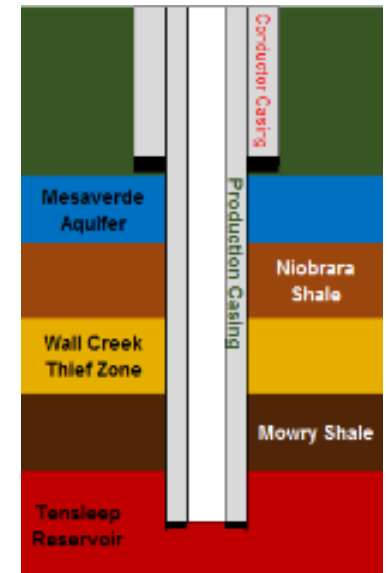
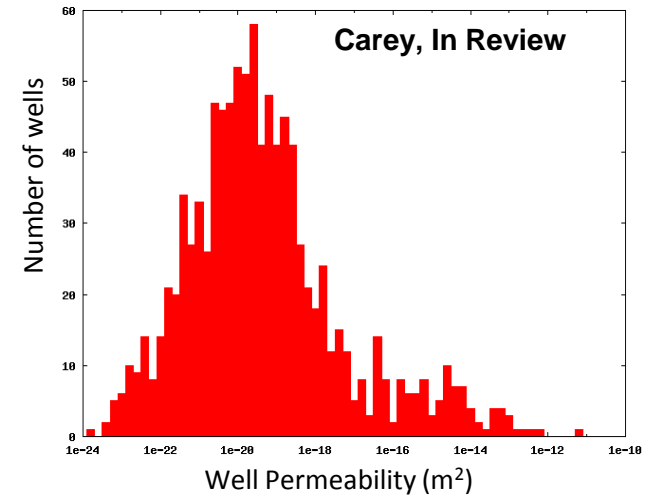
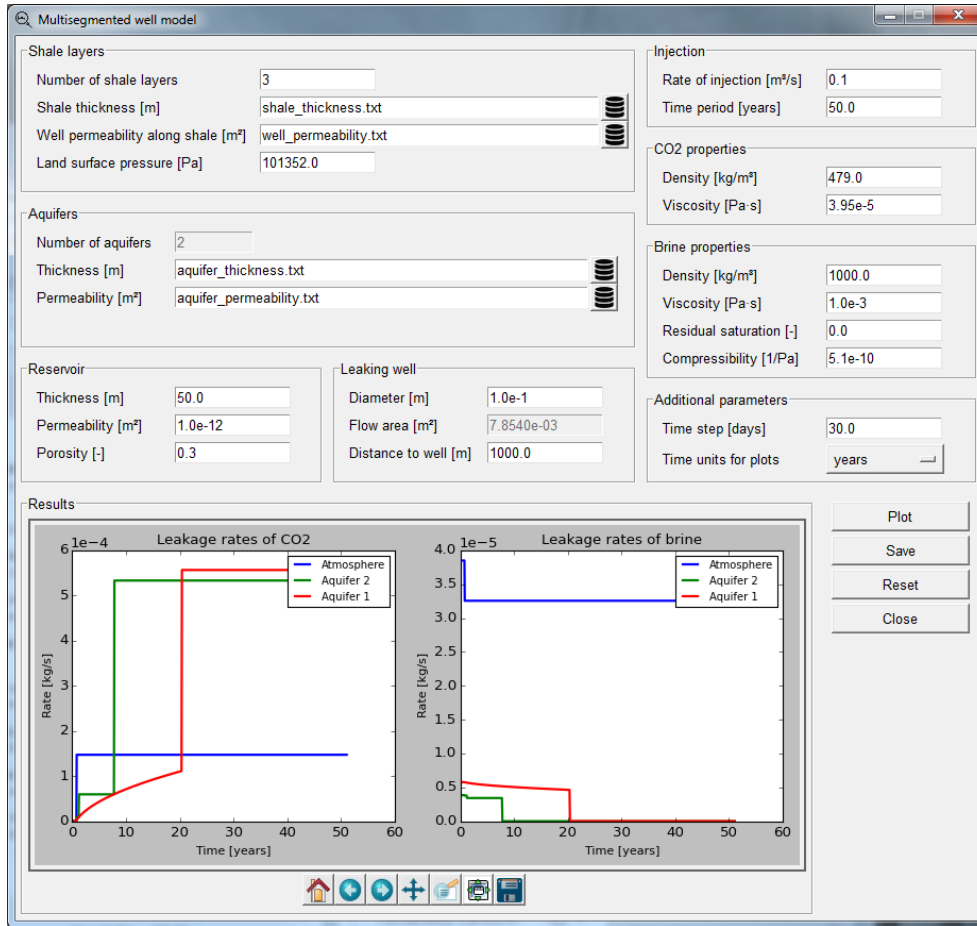
Multi-Segmented Model vs. Cemented Model Breakthrough Time Comparison



# QA/QC and Future Work

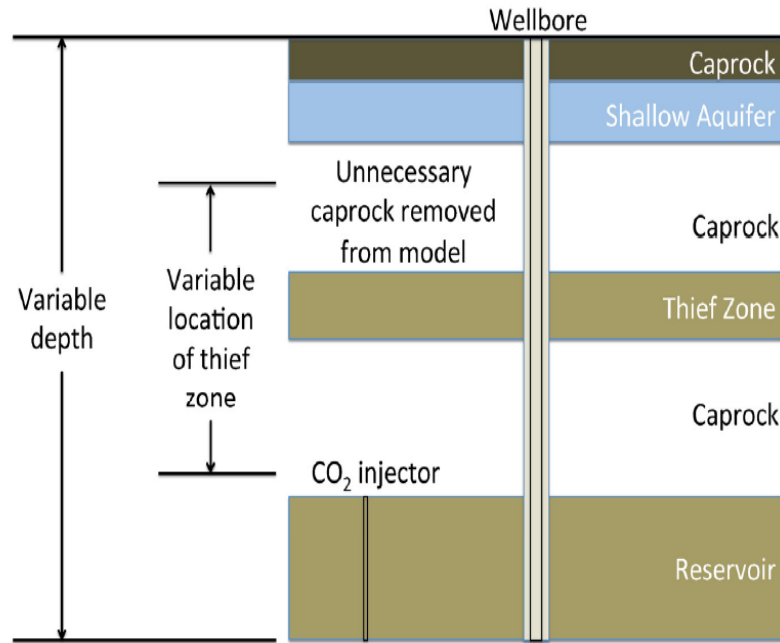
- Currently being tested versus high-resolution simulators.
- Case study being developed that can be used as tutorials or work flow example for others.
- Current models will be expanded to allow for more complex subsurface geometry.
- Future models in development to capture effect of geomechanics and geochemistry on long-term leakage.

# Questions and Open Discussions

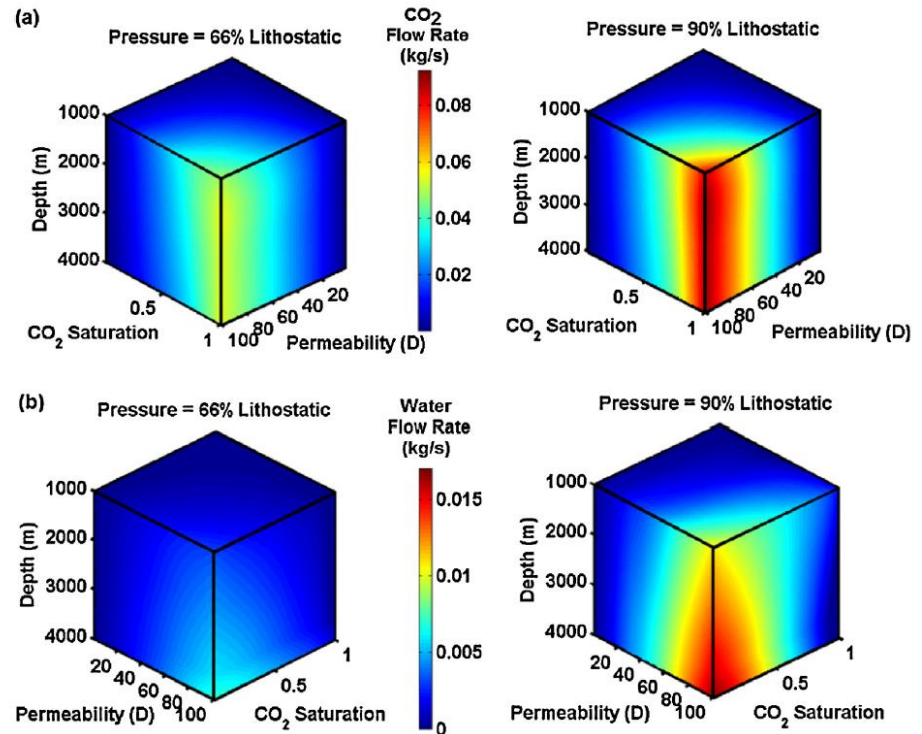


# Backup slides

# Model 1. Cemented well model



Harp et al., 2014

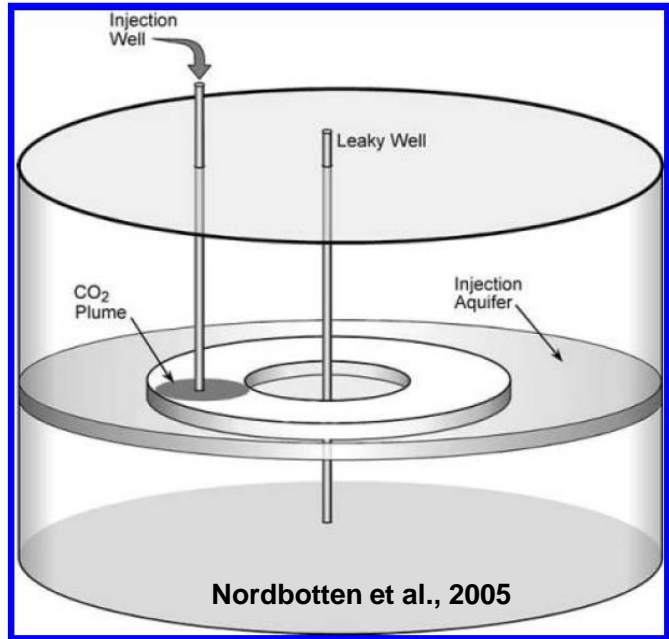


Jordan et al., 2015

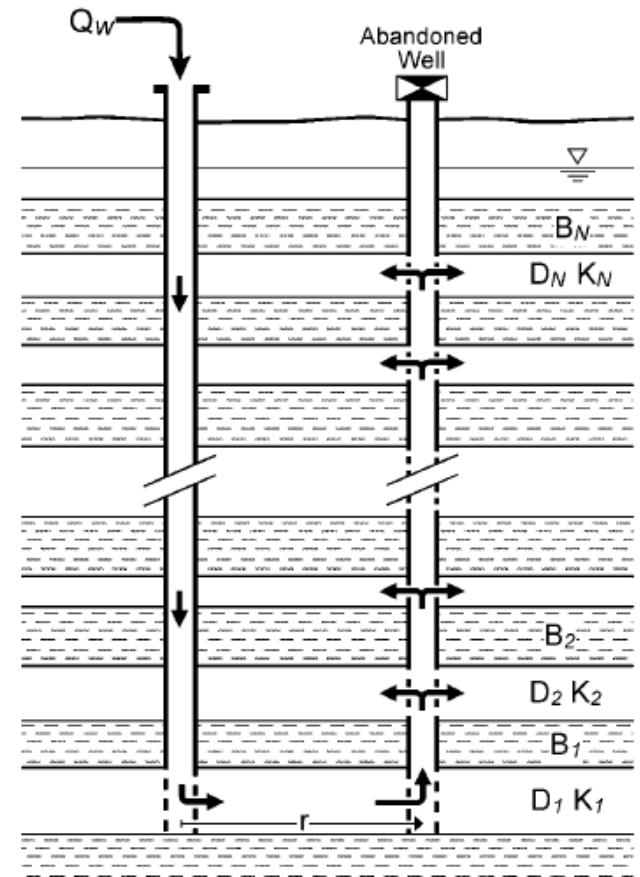
- Developed at LANL as part of NRAP
- Treats multiphase flow of CO<sub>2</sub> and brine up a cemented well
- Built from many numerical simulations (FEHM) that are fitted with a response surface to develop polynomials to describe behavior (MARS).
- Can deal with leakage to atmosphere, aquifer, and thief zone
- Currently incorporated into NRAP-IAM



# Model 2. Multisegmented well model



- Built from models developed by Princeton University
- Treats multiphase flow of CO<sub>2</sub> and brine up a cemented well
- Can deal with leakage to atmosphere, aquifer, and thief zone(s)
- Can simulate simple injection and transport to leaky well



Nordbotten et al., 2004

# Model 3: Open well model

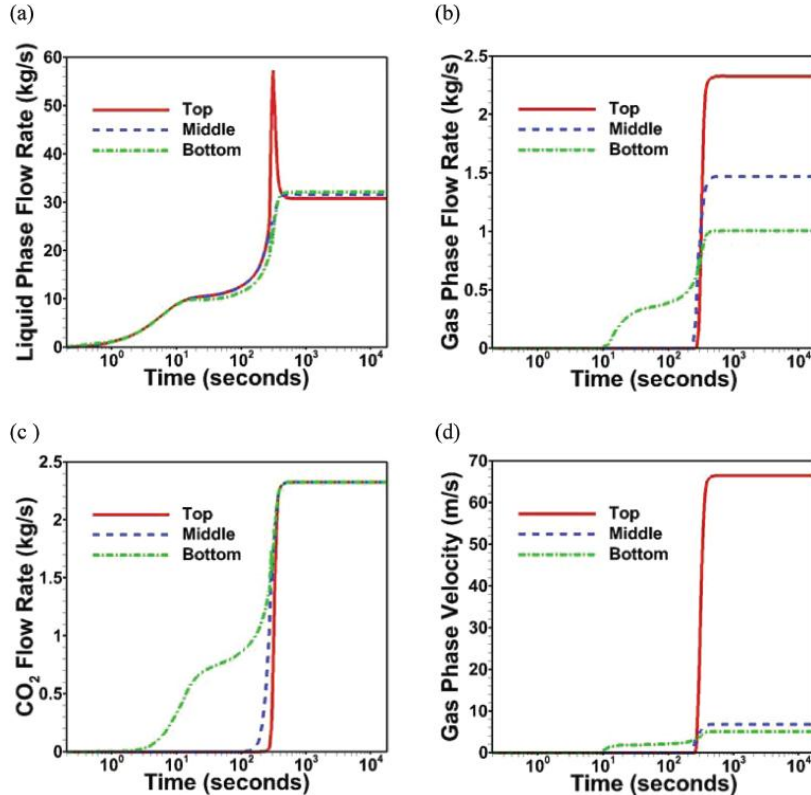


Figure 1. Case 1: Flow rates and velocities of liquid (H<sub>2</sub>O-rich phase), gas (CO<sub>2</sub>-rich phase), and CO<sub>2</sub> (component) at three levels in the well (bottom, middle, and top).

- Developed at LBNL as part of NRAP
  - Pan et al. (2009, 2011a, 2011b, 2011c)
- Treats the flow of CO<sub>2</sub> up an open well
- Uses Drift-Flux approach
- Currently incorporated into NRAP-IAM
- Can download full version from LBNL as T2Well/ECO2N
  - This version treats injection well, reservoir, and leaky open well

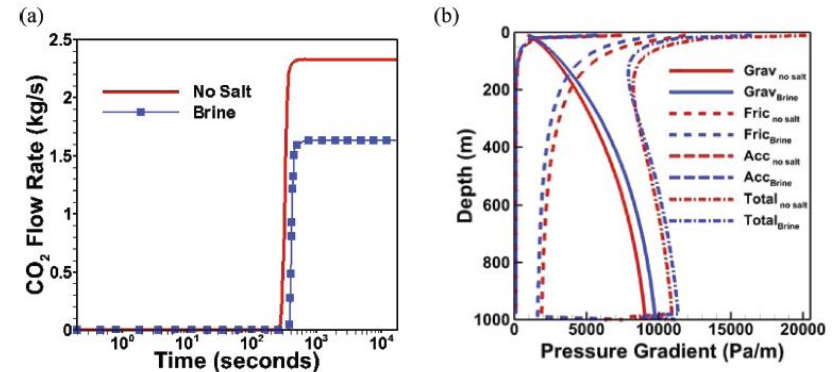
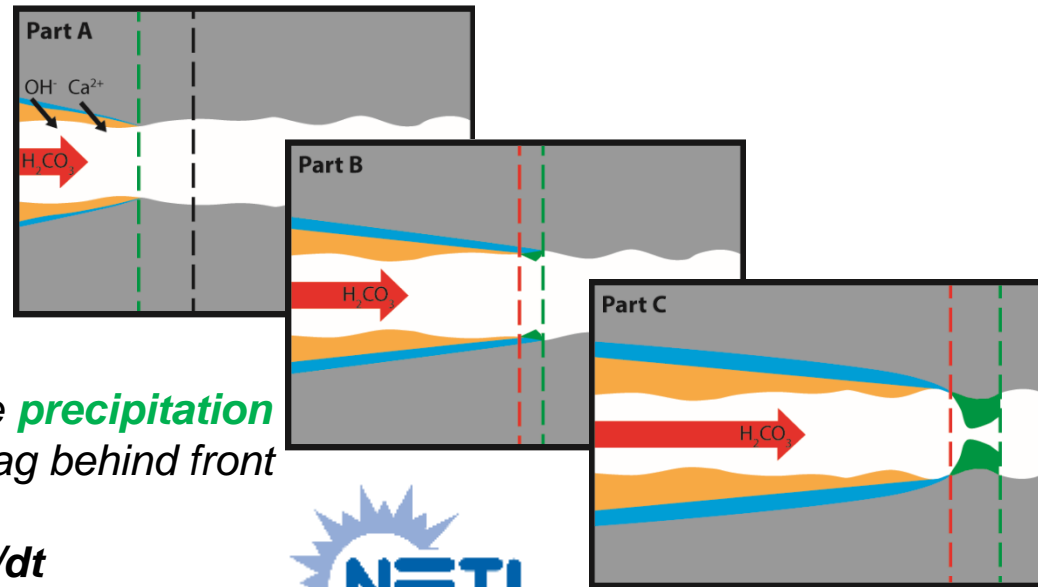
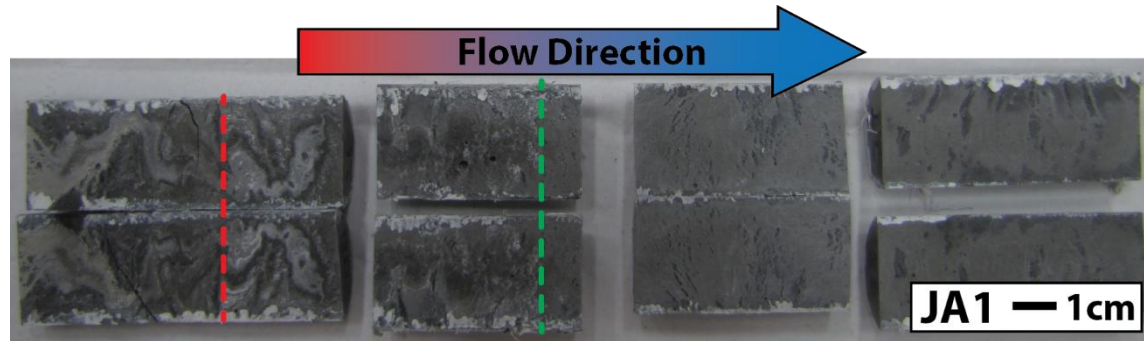
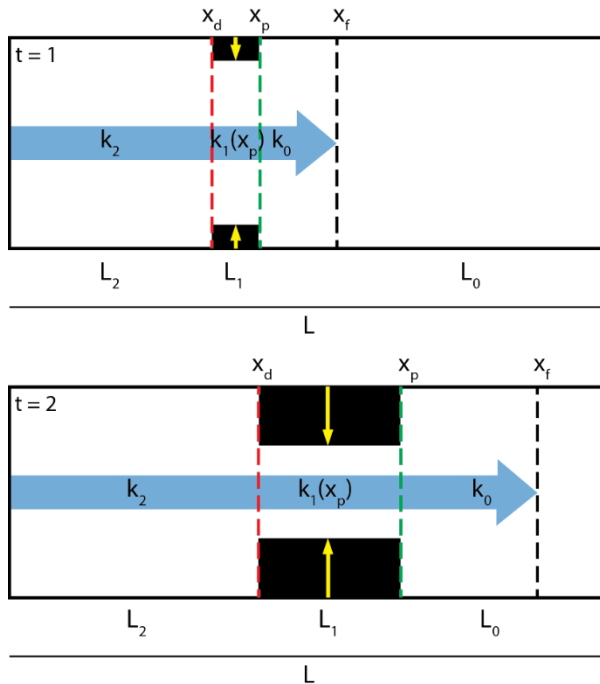


Figure 3. Case 1: The effect of brine on CO<sub>2</sub> (component) leakage rate through the wellhead (a) and the pressure gradients along the wellbore at 36000 s (b). Mass fraction of salt in the brine is 0.12.



# Model 4. Brine leakage model



## Model overview

- Darcy's equation for flow in series
- As **fluid front** ( $x_f$ ) moves through core the **precipitation front** ( $x_p$ ) and **dissolution front** ( $x_d$ ) will lag behind front but grow at constant rates ( $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ )
- Solve Darcy's equation such that:  $q = dx_f/dt$
- $x_f$  related volume of fluid leaked
- Permeability of precipitation zone ( $k_1$ ) evolves with  $x_p$